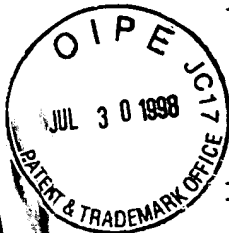


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Sir:

In view of MPEP § 609, Applicants understand that the Examiner will review the file of parent Application No. 08/892,881 and the art of record therein. A new form PTO-1449 listing all of the art of record in the Parent Application is attached, so that the art will be listed on the face of any patent that ultimately issues in this application.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application, which was also cited in parent Application No. 08/892,881.

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In view of MPEP § 609, new copies of the art are not being provided. Nonetheless, should the Examiner deem new copies of such art to be necessary, they will gladly be supplied, on request.

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